

## Let's Talk: An Interpretation Toolkit for Service Providers Working with Immigrants in Ontario

### Directory of Interpreter Trainers

#### Admission Requirements for Curriculum-Based Language Interpreter Training Programs in Ontario

LITP Provider	Application / Resume	Information Session	Interview	Minimum High School Education	ILSAT / CILISAT (%)	Reference / Police Criminal Reference Check	Target language	Understanding of relevant issues	Annual Number of applicants	Wait List	Course Fees (Including Books)
<b>Ontario Colleges</b>											
Conestoga College	Yes/No	Yes	No	Yes	75*	No**	No	No	10-21	No	\$1,020
Mohawk College	No/No	Yes	If required	Yes	75	No	Yes	No	75-100	No	\$930
Niagara College	No/No	No	If required	Yes	75	No	Yes	No	20-30	No	\$2,010
Seneca College	No/No	Yes	If required	Yes	75	No	No	No	--	--	\$1,200
Sheridan Institute	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
St Clair College***	No	No	No	Yes	75	No	Yes	No	36	No	\$1322
<b>OLIS Agencies</b>											
Across Languages	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	No	\$0
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	60-80	Yes	\$675
Immigrant Women Services Ottawa	Yes	One-on-One	Yes	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	Yes (basic knowledge)	30-40	No	\$350
Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	No	20	No	\$0

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Multilingual Community Interpreter Services	Yes	Yes	If required	Yes	75	No	Yes	Yes	1000	Yes	\$990
Thunder Bay Multicultural Association	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	No	10-15	No	\$0
Other Not-For-Profit Agencies											
Cultural Interpretation Services for Our Communities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services****	Yes/Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	75	Yes/Yes	Yes	No	100-150	Yes	Varies based on need

\* Unlike other training institutions, Conestoga College does not require trainees to pass language tests (ILSAT/CILISAT) for entry into program. Trainees must, however, pass language tests in order to graduate.

\*\* Although some Ontario colleges, OLIS agencies and non-profit organizations do not require reference or criminal reference checks for entry into training programs, they inform trainees that these tests are mandatorily administered by hiring agencies.

\*\*\* St. Clair College developed its interpreter training module with Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (MCC). Though MCC doesn't provide its own interpreter training, it houses interpreter courses offered by St. Clair College. Also, MCC administers the language tests (ILSAT/CILISAT) and, upon passing, students are referred to the interpreter training program at St. Clair College.

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\*\*\*\* Core training consists of 70 hours, but can be more or less depending on the nature of the need for the group or organization requesting the training. A detailed description of the training can be found here: <http://accessalliance.ca/interpreterservices/training>. While Access Alliance provides training on an as-needed basis, they have lately directed request for training to the colleges as they believe that the time has come to really promote the colleges as the training bodies for interpreters. Please contact Access Alliance directly with training related inquiries.

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